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**RESPONSE TO FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 17, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.